GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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CUSTOMS RECEIPTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of trend of customs receipts for 2001-2002 which was Rs.40,096 crore against the budget estimates of Rs.54,822 crore resulting in a shortfall of 27%;

(b) whether the total customs duty Rs.24,799 crore was forgone under export promotion schemei.e.62 percent of total customs receipts during 2001-2002;

(c) if so reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to reallise pending customs duty which is running in crores of rupee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (ANAND RAO V. ADSUL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In order to boost the exports, Government of India, through the export promotion schemes rebates the duties of customs and central excise in respect of goods which are exported out of this country.

(d) Government is constantly monitoring realisation of pending customs revenue. Field formations have directed to initiate necessary administrative and legal measures to recover the outstanding Govbernment revenues. Action under section 142 of the Customs Act 1962, read with provisions of Customs (Attachment of Property of Defaulters for Recovery of Government Dues) Ruyles 1995, is also initiated for recovery of Government revenue. Special Tax Recovery Cells have been constituted at all Commissionerates for effective monitoring and expeditious recovery of Government revenue.